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[illegible]: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers

[illegible]: [illegible]

ANNOUNCER: The United States Forest Service has been an important agent in the progress of the Civilian Conservation Corps. Forest Service men have given their time not only to supervision of a large part of the CCC program but to the training of enrollees both on the job and in class work. The vital need for this training was emphasized by Robert Fechner, Director of the CCC, in his 1938 report. He said, "...[illegible] group in America is so [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the young men, [illegible] no experience or training, who enter the CCC. Unless, however, they are given practical, well supervised work experience with proper equipment, a considerable majority of this group may be condemned to local occupational dependency upon a [illegible] for the balance of their lives. It is the belief of the CCC officials that this distressing situation can be largely remedied when proper supervision and adequate equipment are provided to enable enrollees to perform sound work and reap the benefits of the training [illegible] experience [illegible]..."

Up in the Pine Cone National Forest today, we find Ranger Jim Robbins, his wife Bess, and assistant ranger Jerry Quick in the office of the Ranger Station. At the moment Jerry and [illegible] young CCC enrollee who has come to see Jim about the chances of getting a job in Timber [illegible]...

JIM Well, son, if you want to be an "Ace" [illegible] [illegible]

PAT I was Mr. [illegible] when I was in High School. He looked at me like he recognized me. But I worked [illegible] [illegible] and beat it.

JIM I reckon the best kind of work for you to get would be in an office or store. That right?

PAT That's it. I had [illegible] any kind of office work that [illegible] [illegible]. I've learned how [illegible] [illegible] and I'm getting [illegible] a typewriter [illegible] now I got the best grades of anybody in my accounting and bookkeeping classes at the [illegible]. And I've had a lot of experience in it at home too.

JIM Well, Pat, I hope to see you start in something. [illegible] luck in this next year.

PAT I hope so too. So long. I'll work like the devil.

JIM That's fine.

PAT Gosh, I better move along now.

JIM [illegible]

PAT (LAUGHS) Gosh. Thanks [illegible]. [illegible] me already.

JIM Don't mention it, son.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

DORA (PAUSE) Oh, I'm [illegible] something [illegible] to say, that dear boy!

JIM: I hope so, Dora.

DORA: I never heard anything like the [illegible]

JERRY: It certainly [illegible] the way you [illegible] many [illegible] if people [illegible] you don't [illegible] treats about them.

JIM: That's the [illegible] pity of it.

JERRY: He's right about [illegible] Everybody [illegible] good.

JIM: Well, [illegible] a farmer. [illegible] wouldn't [illegible] a librarian [illegible]

JERRY: [illegible] It's no job for a guy [illegible]

JIM: [illegible] south [illegible] into the [illegible] city.

DORA: [illegible]

JIM: [illegible] about [illegible] the whole story.

JERRY: [illegible] Jim [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

(a) [illegible]

(b) [illegible]

(c) [illegible]

(d) [illegible]

(e) [illegible]

[illegible]

(a) [illegible]

(b) [illegible]

(c) [illegible]

(d) [illegible]

(e) [illegible]

MEL At $4 a month? The bank interest ain't even [illegible] [illegible]. But what I can't figure out is how you get kids like that all into the CCC? I always thought you took a pretty good brand of boys.

JIM Some of 'em aren't such good specimens when they come into the outfit, Mel, but they usually come out men. [illegible] by George.

MEL But if they're like that Tiburon kid, they ain't [illegible] [illegible] enough to get [illegible] for kids like him, do you?

JIM It all depends, Mel...

MEL I wouldn't have a kid like that within fifty miles of my place. I'd be afraid to leave money in the till.

JIM Maybe he ain't as bad as you make out, Mel.

MEL I always say if there's one rotten apple in a barrel you got to [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] if there's [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] pretty soon.

JIM Yeah ... That's a good [illegible].

MEL Like I was saying...you mentioned something about a boy you was thinkin' might fit into my place here.

JIM Yeah ... I did, Mel ... Say, by George, it's later'n I thought, Mel. I've got to be at the station in three minutes. Almost forgot about it. I'll talk to you later.

MEL All right, Jim. See you tonight.

JIM (FADING) So long, Mel.

MUSIC UP AND OUT
FADE IN SMALL CROWD TO B.G.

TED: (FLOPS TO HERE [illegible] SAL)

JAC: Where do [illegible] GIS-[illegible] TED and Sara [illegible]

SAL: That's good -- Sal looks like [illegible] without [illegible].

SARA: (LAUGHS TO SAL) [illegible] to know if you'll fall on [illegible] 70-

TED: But now [illegible] everybody's enjoyin' [illegible] [illegible] --

SARA: We [illegible] on, Ted. You haven't fall [illegible] a long time.

ALL: (LAUGH) [illegible] nobody's going to [illegible] fall [illegible] a story.

VOICES: (OFF) Say, Jim, [illegible] story. Sounds a [illegible]

SAL: The [illegible] to it, Jim. I don't remember you fall [illegible] a story.

VOICES: We want a story, we want a story [illegible]

TED: (LAUGHING) All right. All [illegible] a story [illegible]

VOICES: Give [illegible] Jim. You'll [illegible] story [illegible].

JIM: [illegible] everybody. Quiet-

CROWD ATTACKS

JIM: What kind of a story do you want this time?

VOICE: How about the plane crash idea?

JIM: I've told that [illegible] many times. It's a [illegible] story [illegible].

job dwelt.

His oldest son was fifteen then. That was about four or five years ago. The boy tried to take his father's place at the head of the family. He tried to get a job, but there weren't any for a kid of fifteen with no experience. His mother sewed and took in washing. Finally the boy made up his mind that if he couldn't get any relief he was only a burden on the rest of the family. He thought he could get a job somewhere away from home, so he left. The little work he could find was so sore that enough to buy food and a pair of socks now and then. They don't pay much to boys without training of any kind ... He was a cheerful boy, with lots of fight in him. But looking and looking for a job without a bit of luck began to get the best of him. His clothes got ragged. He'd turn up a cardboard carton to make soles for his shoes. His shoulders were thin and sort like an old man. There were grey circles under his eyes from not having enough to eat. Thinks how he looked when he finally got accepted for enrollment last year at the JCC office in the city . They sent him along with a batch of green recruits to a camp on our Forest ... For a whole week every time you spoke to him he'd raise his arm or step back as if he thought you were going to hit him ... We sent him out with a crew on light clean-up work, just to break him into the work slowly. He worked all like a horse while I gave the boys a demonstration on how to handle an axe. . But when he tried to do it himself, I thought he'd cut off both legs before I could get the axe away from him....In our Forest Service Bulletin,not long ago, I read an article by one of the fellas named H. C. Maecke. (WOW)

Jim: 3.8%. He said we can count all the "green ones CC" boys (non-
rlented) total or the sites of roads they've built, and the number of
days they've spent fighting forest fires. But the most important thing
of all to the boys - and the entire country - is the courage and
spirit and sound American independence the CCC boys are getting into
their backbones. .. Well, this is I was telling you about Jim's di
ed well on his heavy work. He tried hard enough, but he seemed to
have a special knack for office work, so we put him part time on
that job. I kept an eye on him, to see how it turned out. In a few
weeks he began to fill out and fit his clothes better. The boiled
root of of his chicken and his health wasn't quite so lean. Working
outside and doing good healthy labor straightened his shoulders and
put some energy in him. He started classes in bookkeeping and some
other subjects. He began to get pretty efficient in the office, where
he worked practically full time, and the camp superintendent gave him a great
deal of responsibility ... When the end of his first enrollment two
years I saw him in camp and stopped to talk to him. Like a lot of the
other boys who came in at the same time he did, he had gained about
30 pounds, and looked as healthy as an ox. He walked like a man.
looked like a man. But to me the most important thing was that he
really felt like a man. ... I found out later that all the time he's
been in camp, he's been paying off the debt made by his father, nearly
11 off with 4 a month ... $4 out of the five he had left after he's
sent the rest home to his family.. I hope I can get that youngster a
job before his second enrollment is up next month ...

[illegible] (LAUGHS) That was a swell story, Tim. ... I [illegible] it.

[illegible] I liked that too, Sir. That was fine.

[illegible] Well, after that, I guess it's a good time for [illegible] isn't it, Sandy?

[illegible] Everything's ready, folks.

[illegible]

HAL Jim, could I talk with you a minute?

[illegible] Sure, Hal. What is it?

[illegible] background

HAL You was talkin' [illegible]

[illegible] What makes you think so?

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] didn't you?

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] I'll tell him [illegible] Hal.

HAL Well ... if it's all the same to you, Jim, I'd like to tell him myself.

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

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